

**BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 28, 2003**

**BOARD:** Board of Licensure of Foresters

**DATE:** May 28, 2003

**ROOM:** Androscoggin Room

**LOCATION:** Department of Professional & Financial Regulation

<b>TIME SCHEDULED:</b>	8:30 A.M.	<b>TIME CALLED TO ORDER:</b>	8:37 A.M.	<b>ADJOURN:</b> 2:00 P.M.
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**CHAIR:** William Ostrofsky

**VICE-CHAIR:** Stephen Holt

**BOARD CLERK:** Susan Greenlaw

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** William Ostrofsky, Stephen Holt, Rene Noel Jr., and, Hon. Sumner A. Jones Jr., Carol Redelsheimer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deborah Fales, Board Clerk; Carol Leighton, Administrator; Judith Peters, Assistant Attorney General

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

The Board members agreed to add the following to the agenda:

- Newsletter – Fall 2003 Issue
- Review of transcripts for approval

**OLD BUSINESS**

Action on minutes of January 22, 2003 meeting

A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Stephen Holt to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2003 meeting as written. Unanimous.

Reciprocity Update

Connecticut: The agreement has been finalized and executed by both parties.

Exam Database/Software Update

There has not been any progress to date. Carol Redelsheimer plans to meet with staff to review the software.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator's Report

L.D. 1455: Members were informed that the bill was amended and ready for the Governor's signature.

It has come to the attention of the Board that licensed foresters currently serving as forester intern sponsors may not be willing to provide timely and accurate reporting of intern requirement completion in an effort to delay career advancement and/or employment opportunities. This may be in violation of the Board's Code of Ethics. A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Stephen Holt to send a letter to Senators Bruce Bryant and John Martin asking them to encourage those who have evidence of these activities to come forward and file a formal complaint with the Board. Board Chair William Ostrofsky will draft the letter. Unanimous.

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Legislation Update

See "Administrator's Report".

Complaint Officer's Report

Rene Noel, Complaint Officer, reported that there is one complaint pending at this time.

Review and Action on Applications

APPLICANT	LICENSE TYPE	HOW QUALIFYING	OTHER INFO.	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION
Francis T. Cuff	Forester	BS Forestry – University of Montana; Forester in Montana	Application received 1/28/03	Approved for exam. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Noel Unanimous.
Dale R. Currier	Forester	Board approved 10 month internship effective 10/31/00 to 8/31/01. FI license expired 12/01.	Notified Board on 10/2/02 that internship had been completed.	Approved for exam. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Jones Unanimous.
Jacob P. Guimond	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Application received 2/4/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 2/4/03. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Redelsheimer Unanimous.
Dana B. Johnson	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Application received 3/3/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 3/3/03. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Redelsheimer Unanimous.
Stephen D. Macdonald	Intern Forester – 24 months	Will receive BS Forestry – U-Maine in May 2003. Will submit transcript at that time	Application received 3/26/03	Approved for 24 month internship pending receipt of transcript. Motion: Jones Second: Holt Unanimous.
David A. Speirs	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Application received 2/3/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 2/3/03. Motion: Noel Second: Jones Unanimous.
Jason Cooke	Intern Forester – 24 months	Previous application rec'd 2/1/01 – denied on 3/19/01 – advised that board approved 4 years edu-exp and that he needed 2 more years of	Application received 4/18/03	Table – request documentation of experience since 2/1/01 and reference letter from sponsor. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Holt

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		exp before applying for FI license		Unanimous.
Randy J. Lagasse	Forester	Board approved 2 year internship from 3/12/01 to 3/12/03	Application received 3/20/03	Approved for exam. Motion: Jones Second: Holt Unanimous.
Scott Dumont	Forester	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Old application received 1/27/03; current application received 4/23/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 1/27/03. Motion: Holt Second: Noel Unanimous.
James P. Morin	Forester	Board approved 15 month internship from 3/9/01 to 6/9/02	Application received 3/19/03	Approved for exam. Motion: Noel Second: Holt Unanimous.
John P. Beck LF 710 Expired 12/31/02	Incomplete renewal application	Did not submit Continuing Forestry Education Statement. Renewal application denied.	Appeal rec'd 5/12/03 – stated he neglected to send his CFES with renewal but had a list of courses taken in 2002. Faxed ce form 5/27/03.	Uphold the denial of his renewal application based on insufficient Category I continuing education hours. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Redelsheimer Unanimous.
Thomas A. Morrison LF 469 Expired 12/31/02	Incomplete renewal application	Did not complete criminal conviction question. Renewal application denied.	Appeal rec'd 4/14/03 – completed criminal conviction question. Stated that he never rec'd 12/19/02 letter regarding incomplete renewal.	Renewal application approved. Motion: Holt Second: Noel Unanimous.

**Review and Action on Continuing Education Audits**

The Board reviewed and approved those individuals who were audited for compliance with continuing education.

**Commissioner Robert E. Murray, Jr.**

Commissioner Robert Murray, Jr. met with the Board for the purpose of a brief introduction.

**Action on March 31, 2003 Exam Results**

Nine candidates sat for the exam. Seven passed and two failed. A motion was made by Stephen Holt and seconded by Rene Noel to accept the exam results as reported. Unanimous.

**Review and Action on Continuing Education Approval Requests**

NAME OF PROGRAM	DATES	SPONSOR	HOURS APPROVED
Basic Soils Workshop for	May 1, 2003	Georgia-Pacific	5 Category I

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Logging Road Construction and Harvesting			
ACF Conference - The Practice of Consulting Forestry	June 21-25, 2003	ACF	Practice of Consulting – 13.5 Monday Tech Sessions – 7.5 Tuesday AM Field Tour – 2 Tuesday PM Field Tour – 2.5 Wednesday Business Meeting – 3.5

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 20, 2003

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board received an accommodation request from an individual asking for additional time to take the examination because his/her primary language is French. A motion was made by Stephen Holt and seconded by Sumner Jones to deny the request for accommodation. Unanimous.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenlaw  
Board Clerk